

February 24, 2019 • *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

W e l c o m i n g a l l s i n c e 1 8 6 5

MISSION STATEMENT

To share the gifts God has entrusted us by "being Christ to one another" through welcoming, comforting, healing and teaching in loving service of our brothers and sisters, mindful of His unconditional love for all His children.



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." *Lk 6:38*

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HEALING/ANOINTING MASS FOR MARCH

As part of the expansion of our healing ministry to the sick, elderly and broken, **Next Saturday, March 2nd, the 8:15 morning mass will be celebrated as a healing/anointing mass.** At the end of the mass, the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be given to those who would like to be anointed with the holy oil. If you know of someone who would benefit from this sacrament, please encourage them or help them to come for this special anointing.

Mass Schedule:

Weekend: Saturday 4:30 pm;
Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 pm
Saturday 8:15 am

Holy Days: 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Mon. - Fri. 11:30 am - 11:50 am
Sat. 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm and by appointment

Baptism & Marriage:

Call Pastor for arrangements.

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**Congregation of the Sons of the
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Fr Antony Skaria, CFIC

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 12:00 pm



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 23rd

4:30 pm Mike Boerjan† and
Ken Weingartner †

Sunday, 24th

7:30 am Skip & Rosemary Barnes†
10:30 am Michael, Thomas and
Gudelia Diaz†

Monday, 25th

12:00 pm Loretta Peltier†

Tuesday, 26th

12:00 pm Ints of Fr. John Grennon, OCD

Wednesday, 27th

12:00 pm Parishioners

Thursday, 28th

12:00 pm Gerald Leonard†

Friday, March 1st

12:00 pm Bob Meehl†

Next Saturday, March 2nd

8:15 am Deceased Parishioners†
4:30 pm For the unborn, mistreated,
abused & sick children of the world.

Next Sunday, March 3rd

7:30 am Edward Makowski†
10:30 am Lynn Stackpole†

† Denotes deceased

LITURGICAL ROLES

Lectors

4:30 pm Greg Reese
7:30 am Tom Koller
10:30 am Jack Makowski

Servers

4:30 pm Tony Piekarczyk
7:30 am Joe O'Connell
10:30 am Ava Hall

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 pm Pat Reese
7:30 am Jean Jannetto
Joe O'Connell & Tom Koller
10:30 am Mary Makowski
Kelly Hall
Michael Hall

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before all
Masses except on Fridays
Fatima Prayer Group: Mondays 4:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Weds 12:30p
Adoration every Thursday 12:30-6pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays 11:45am
Sacred Heart Novena-Fridays 12:30pm
FOCUS Scripture Group-Sat. 7:15-8:15am

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?



STEWARDSHIP MEDITATION

Today's promises —"Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." Today is the day to count blessings, with gratitude.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
[8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday:
Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
[1a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:
Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27
-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:
Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168,

171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk
9:38-40
Thursday:
Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
[40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50
Friday:
Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18,
27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:
Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-
16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16

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ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS FUND COLLECTION

Next Weekend March 2nd and 3rd we will be taking a second collection for the Additional Operations Fund (AOF) for the month of March. Thanks in advance for your continued support and generosity.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, February 28th at 6:30 in the Blessed Monti Community Room. All are welcome to attend.

SOUP SUPPERS/STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season come join us Fridays for Soup Suppers. Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:30pm with Soup Suppers immediately following. Free will offerings will be accepted.

- March 8th - Sponsored by the Parish Council
- March 15th - Sponsored by the Liturgical Committee
- March 22nd - Sponsored by St. Mary's Choir Members
- March 29th - Sponsored by Finance Committee/Trustees
- April 5th - Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
- April 12th - Sponsored by Stewardship Committee
- Good Friday Service/Stations/ Lunch**
- April 19th - Sponsored by Parish Council

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

In response to the Gospel call to serve the poor and spread the Good News, the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF) works as Christ's hands and feet throughout the 12-county Archdiocese. Visit www.csafspm.org to learn more, and please prayerfully consider how you might give back via the CSAF.

Upcoming Events

- Stations/Lenten Soup Suppers, 5:30pm
(March 8th through April 12th)
- KC Rosary, March 10th, 2pm
- St. Patrick's Parade Parking,
March 16th, 8am to 1:00pm
- Passion Sunday Vespers, Apr., 14th, 5pm
- Good Friday Service, Stations/Lunch
April 19th, 12:00—3:00 pm
- Easter Vigil, April 20th **6:30pm**
- Easter Sunday Masses, April 21st,
7:30 am and 10:30 am
- Divine Mercy Ser., Apr. 28th @11:30am
- Bake Sale/Flea Market/Craft Sale
Sunday, May 19th, 8:00am—1:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
RE Class, March 2nd, 9-10:15 am



Jamie Joseph 25th, Jean Hughes 26th, John Makowski 26th and Jo Anne Beaudry 26th, Declan Dunn 27th, Julie Hessler 28th and, Shawn Gates 28th, Matt Kelly 3/1.



Joyce Berg and Renee Kasel
and Mary Kay Peterson



"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:35-36
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MASS ATTENDANCE FEB. 16TH & 17TH: 180 COLLECTION

Envelopes.....	\$1,498
Plate.....	\$2,106
Auto Withdrawal.....	\$205
Sunday, February 17, 2019.....	\$3,809

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